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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP MEETING ON G-LEVEL SALARIES QUESTION

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF GENEVA GROUP MISSION (OR POSSIBLY JUST US-UK REPRESENTING CO-CHAIRMEN) SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH BARBOSA AT PALAIS 1500 MARCH 17 TO OBTAIN HIS VIEWS OF UN G-LEVEL STAFF AND PROSPECTS FOR SETTLEMENT OF ISSUES INVOLVED. UK TOOK LEAD IN WORKING OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING WITH BARBOSA (IN WHICH AT MOST ONLY ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH MISSION WOULD PARTICIPATE). IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MEETING OF GENEVA GROUP MISSIONS IN US MISSION AT 1600 SAME DAY.

2. GENEVA STRIKE HAS CAUSED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF GENEVA-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO SEE NEED FOR DEVELOPING POLICY GUIDELINES FOR COPING WITH THIS SORT OF SITUATION. WE HAVE ONE REPORT THAT PLANS ARE UNDERWAY TO HAVE ACABQ FOCUS ON PROBLEM AT ITS APRIL MEETING, AND ANOTHER THAT LEGAL ADVISORS OF OGRANIZATIONS PLAN TWO-DAY MEETING JUST BEFORE ACQBQ SESSION ON LEGAL ASPECTS. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED PRIVATELY IN THIS CONNECTION WHETHER WE KNOW OF ANY STUDIES WHICH HAVE BEEN DONE ON LEGAL QUESTIONS RELATING TO STRIKES AND WORK STOPPAGES AGAINST INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

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3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING SUCH INFORMATION AS DEPT MAY HAVE ON LAST POINT, AND SUCH OTHER GUIDANCE AS DEPT MAY WISH TO PROVIDE FOR OUR PARTICIPATION IN MARCH 17 EXCHANGES.

4. POSSIBLY USUN CAN THROW LIGHT ON REPORT WE RECEIVED TODAY THAT CCAQ HELD INFORMAL MEETING LAST WEEK AT WHICH IMPLICATIONS OF GENEVA STRIKE DISCUSSED TOGETHER WITH QUESTION OF POLICY TOWARD STRIKES.

5. MEANWHILE, IF WE INTERPRET PALAIS STAFF ASSOCIATION BULLETIN CORRECTLY, STAFF BELIEVES UN STRIKE POLICY ALREADY HAS BEEN ENUNCIATED BY WALDHEIM IN HIS MARCH 3 COMMUNICATION TO ASSOCIATION HEAD:

QUOTE NO ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST ANY STAFF MEMBER ON ACCOUNT OF HIS OR HER PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK STOPPAGE DURING THE PERIOD 25 FEBRUARY TO 3 MARCH 1976;

QUOTE SINCE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ASCERTAIN WITH SUFFICIENT PRECISION THE REASONS FOR THE ABSENCE FROM WORK OF MEMBERS OF STAFF DURING THE PERIOD OF THE WORK STOPPAGE, SUPERVISORS ARE BEING INSTRUCTED NOT TO TAKE ANY ACTIONS TO WITHHOLD THE SALARY OR ANY OTHER ELEMENTS OF PAY FROM ANY STAFF MEMBER FOR THE PERIOD CONCERNED. UNQUOTE. DALE

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